

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAOS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AF  
SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

REF: KABUL 3244

1. AS DAWN ROSE OVER KABUL, A HEAVY PALL OF SMOKE HUNG OVER  
THE OLD CITY. FIGHTING HAD CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER  
OF THE NIGHT. HEAVY GROUND COMBAT WAS REPORTED IN KART-E-CHAR  
AND KART-E-SE, BUT, AS OF 70700, HAD LESSENED SOMEWHAT. WE STILL  
HEAR OCCASIONAL SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE NEARBY MICRORAYON  
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HOUSING AREA.

2. BECAUSE THE ENTIRE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS NOT OPERATING,  
WE CAN ONLY COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE SCATTERED AMERICAN  
HOUSES WHICH HAVE RADIO CONTACT WITH US. WE STILL HAVE  
NOT HEARD ABOUT ANY INJURED AMERICANS -- BUT HAVE BEEN  
OUT OF CONTACT WITH MOST OF OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITY SINCE THE

FIGHTING STARTED.

3. AT 0700, ITS REGULAR TIME, RADIO AFGHANISTAN CAME BACK ON THE AIR WITH ITS REGULAR, PRE-COUP ANNOUNCER. PROCLAIMING THAT "DAOUD IS GONE FOREVER," THE ANNOUNCER REPEATED SEVERAL OF LAST NIGHT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS. ONLY NEW ITEMS ARE THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS ABOLISHED AND THAT ALL MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO MUCH REPORT TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

4. THE TROOPS OUTSIDE OUR EMBASY HAVE FIRMLY INDICATED THAT NONE OF OUR VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND. LATER THIS MORNING, WE INTEND TO PROBE THIS CORDON. IF THINGS REMAIN QUIET, WE WILL TRY SENDING A VEHICLE PROBE TO SHAR-I-NAU LATER THIS MORNING.

5. THE SU-7 STRIKES IN THE KARTE-E-SE AND KARTE-E-CHAR AREAS MAY INDICATE OPPOSITION TO THE REBELS STEMMING FROM THE SEVENTH AND/OR EIGHTH DIVISIONS AND THAT CENTRAL CORPS HEADQUARTERS MAY STILL BE OPERATING. THIS HIGHLIGHTS ONE OF THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES THE "NATIONAL MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" FACES IN COMING MONTHS. TO SEIZE KABUL IS NOT TO CONTROL AFGHANISTAN. CENTRIFUGAL FORCES ABOUND IN THIS MULTI-ETHNIC COUNTRY, WHERE GUERRILA CONFLICT COULD RAGE FOR AN EXTENSIVE PERIOD.

6. COMMENT. POOR, BACKWARD AFGHANISTAN HAS JUST IMPOVERISHED  
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ITSELF EVEN FURTHER. THE CITY IS OBVIOUSLY FULL OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. THERE IS HEAVY DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS. WE MAY BE SUGGESTING SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE OPERATION ONCE THE SMOKE CLEARS AND WE MAKE CONTACT WITH A NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.  
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